This Boke doth treate all of the beste Waters Artyficialles / and the vertues and properties of the same / moche profytable for the poore sycke, set forth, by syr Roger Bacon Freere.

The whiche treatyse I haue wylled to wryte of a good & a louyng zele pyrie and compassyon of godly dysposicion wolde that euery persone beynge dyseased/ by the grace of god and of suche medicines as herafter in this lytell treatyse more playnely shalbe declared, may the soner fynde remedy to be cured and heled of all bodely infyrmityes and syckenesses trustynge than that al those ī this wyse recoueryng theyr helth shall purchase such force and strength spiritual that they shal daylye augmente theyr meryte and vertue to the laude & prayse of God, where thorowe at theyr departynge theyr soules may be excepte to be of the nombre of those ẏ shalbe saued/ nowe praye I vnto almyghtie God, that he gyue me grace well to wryte and to compyle this lytell treatise, & that it may be executed after a good

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purpose, and so may appere. And for asmoche that Golde is the most noble metall that is, I shall begyn fyrst to aduyse vnto ẏ water of Golde, the which is made after the maner that hereafter foloweth.

¶ In nomine dei Amen.

Take wedges of fyne golde, well warmed in the Fyre, and quenche it. xliii. tymes within the water of a good welle or Fountayne. And the water strayned and kepte clenly in a byoll of glasse, & let the dyseased person drynke it with wyne or good ale after as the pacient it requyreth, the vertue & propertie of that water of golde is suche that it is good vnto ẏ people that be hoole, and also for thē that be sycke of the syckenes, that mē called, cardia passio, for it exalteth & comforteth the herte meruelously it illumineth the spirites, and consumeth ẏ superfluyte, and comforteth the vertue conteyned in all the mem

bzes within forth, & moche it auay-
leth vnto the flure of the wõbe, more
than the water wherin yron is put,
it auaileth moch vnto the lepzous, &
vnto them the whiche ben yll dyspo-
sed. Men make this water of golde,
by science of Arquimie. But I put it
not here for that, but that maner of
makyng is moche harder, but I wyl
speake nomore of it at this tyme.

¶ The water of the floures of Rosemarye.

This water is of great, & merue-
louse vertue and hath many greate
properties in bodyes humaines and
syckneses colde: it ratifieth the appe
tite and recomforteth the spirite and
the hete natural, bycause of her good
odour, wherin the soule taketh plea-
sure and gathereth the vertue of the
membres togither, it comforteth spe
cially the brayne, and all the mem-
bres synewed, and yf a man walche
his face with it, it maketh it fayre, &

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yf a mā washe his heres it reteyneth them and kepeth them from fallyng and multiplyeth them, and the continuaunce and vse of this water preserueth a man from the botche, and from all yll sykenesse it comforteth the substaunce of the herte, and also consumeth the fleume, & melancoly, & maketh youth to pourge, & who so shal continue this water winforth & woutforth he shalbe preserued long withoute corrupcyon, and to washe his mouth oftē with water ratifyeth the teth and the gūmes: it heleth the Cāker, and of the fystures and ratifyeth the yll woundes and dryeth thē, it vayleth vnto the Cardiacle passion that is to say, tremblyng of the hert and prohibiteth the vomytynge, & it is good vnto the flure of the wombe & vnto those þ be benōmed, as vnto people the whiche tremble in theyr body, & vnto relexacion of wormes, & dryueth away all venom, as tryacle

and also aydeth vnto the mother of the belly of women and them preserueth of their Floures, and the bayne aydeth mothe to conceyue, and who so baineth him ryght often in the decoction of this floure, he reneweth his youth as an aygler ẏ is a thyng ryght secrete & ryght mervaylous, & who so shall make it in the maner and fashyon the whiche foloweth. Fill ye a great vyoll or glasse of the Floures of Rosemarye and stop it aboue & afterwarde bery it depe with in the bankes of the see, and let it lye therby halfe a yere in the season & lyme the whether is most horest, and a byde there the space of a month, and afterwarde it shall be tourned in to water the which water must be strōg ly strayned, & put in to another vyoll in the sonne, by the tyme or space of xl. daies, this water shall sprinkle & haue the scence as baulme, it auayleth mothe to comfort the herte, and

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the brayne and all the body, bayleth agayne the dibilyte and wekenes of the synewes & taketh away the spottes of the vysage and kepeth the mā in good state of youth and auayleth agayns the sykenes & teares of the eyes to put within them .ii. droppes at a tyme, it ratyfyeth the membre slepy & benommed, and also it heleth of the fystula, & also of the Canker where the other remedyes profyteth nothyuge, and who so shuld make of the water drenuynge of wyne of the decocktion with these flowres it shuld be a ryght excellente thynge for the sykenesses abouesayde.

¶ The water of red Roses.

This water comforteth the hert and all the membres to dyssolue, and they well dyssolued, it restoreth them and bycause of her good odoure aromatyque, & specially it cōforteth the spirites, & the hete naturall it prohybyteth the putrifaction in dyssentery

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and lyentery the which ben flures of the wombe bledyng, it comforteth ȳ vertue retentyue and it is good vnto the feblenesse of the herte and vometynge and agayne the swete dyafortik, it maketh swete and comforteth the gōmes and maketh to haue good odour in the mouthe and maketh to haue ferme flesshe who so washeth hym often with it, and putteth it w in his eyes with a lytell wyne for ȳ moudyfyeth and dryeth, it comforteth the humodyte, and moystnes superstue of the eyes, and in especyall whan a man putteth therin a lytell of thuthie ꝑpared or a lytell of aloes and fyne suger, yet the layde water with Suger Candye put within the eyes clenseth and monditieth the substaunce without payne.

¶ The water of Betayne.

This hath many great properties for it breketh the stone in the bledder and in the raynes, it moudifyeth the

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brefte and the lyghtes, and heleth of the Epylence, and dryueth away the venom, & auayleth vnto the bytynge of a beaſt venemous, it auayleth vnto the ſtrangulyon, and purgeth the fleume of the ſtomacke dowuewarde or by vometynge, and it auayleth to the eructacyon ayger, it prouoketh ỹ vryne and looſeth the woombe, it helpeth moche the payne of the myte, it comforteth the ſtomacke and aydeth vnto ỹ dylgeſtion, & vayleth agaynſt the encrealynge of the biode, and agaynſte the payne of the Chynke, and of the raines, and alſo of the bledder & agaynſt the cold dropſye, it is good to clenſe the woundes of the hede, & to drawe the bones broken out of the woundes, it is good for the payne of the teeth, and for the darknes of the eyes corcolyue, and vnto the difficult of chyldren, it kepeth frō dronkenes and taketh away the fātaſyes of the people the whiche ſourdeth of ſyckeneſ

tues, it is good for the payne of the wombe, and for the payne podagre, & taketh awaye the venom of Dogges enraged, it is good for the payne of the eares, & for people that be deafe in what maner so euer it be, and for ronning eyes, & for the flure of blode of waines, and vnto people the which sythē for the sycknes of the stomacke for vometynge, & for the payne of the stomacke and bytyng, and auayleth to drynke vnto people wery of the feuer quarteine, it is good for the paralysye sowynge, and trembłynge of the membres, and auayleth moche vnto the paine of the wombe, and for the swellynge.

¶ The water of plantayne

This water is moche abstet, drye and incarnatyue, and it is very good for woundes corrosyues, it is good for the stoppynge, it is good for the ronnynge out of the belly and fleyng of the gurtes in drynkynge, it wor-

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keth the opylacions of the lyuer & of the myit mokynge clene and kylleth the inflamacion of the blode and incarneth the fistules & the other woū des, and preserueth from emorroides and it is good vnto the bleeracion of the mouth and vnto the payne of the teeth vnto the bytynge of a dogge & vnto the brennynge of the fyre, and of hote water for the bleceracō of the lyghtes and vnto the spytynge and vnto the feuer tarcian.

The water of lettys and of Endyue.

This water is aparatiue of bayne, and comforteth the lyuer, and maketh warme, and in especiall it is good for the hote Apostumes, and vnto flumes & maketh a man to slepe & it is good for ỳ pollucion ī the nyght it is good for the Jaundes, and vnto the opelacion of the lunges, and the myke of Endyue maketh cleane the woūdes that ben in the raines of the

backe it auayleth moche agaynst the colere & which is within & stomacke

¶ The water of fumetory.

This water fortifieth the stomacke and it mondifieth and prouoketh the vrine and auayleth agaynst the scab and infection, it pourgeth the colere and mondyfyeth the blode of the humours adustes.

¶ The water of balme.

This water is verye good for the stomake colde and moyst and ayeth vnto the digestion and disgesteth the mete, it comforteth the herte and the braine & taketh away the yll thoughtes and poures the which procedeth of melencolie and humours adustes and auayleth against the bytynge of a dogge and Scorpion, and is good for the ache of the teeth, and suffocation in dreames and vnto extorcion of the belly, & relolueth the lunges.

¶ The water of Elder.

The water of the leues, floures and

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rotes of elder altogither comforteth the herte of the man, and merueylouslye it mondifieth & maketh clene the blode and taketh away the melancoly, and it heleth the braine the which is infect of humours melancolyes, & it enduceth and heleth the soles enraged in the contynuaunce & it is good to yele the scab and of the leprye.

¶ The water of Elder and of Buglose.

The water of Elder and of buglose made by egall parties is moche meruelouse vnto people melancolyous and vnto people the whiche hath trẽ blynge of the herte and the brennyng of the geder, it taketh awaye the heuynes and gyueth gladnes and maketh the man to be of good reason & of good vnderstandyng, but in this cause he shulde put the floures of buglose and of elder, and red roses, myngled togyther, almoch of the one as of the other.

¶ The water of Garlyke.

This water openeth the opelacyons of the lyuer, and of the mylt, and of the raines, and preserueth the mā from the passyon collerike and ventoule it taketh awaye the blakynge of the stomacke and ratifyeth the dilgestion, it encreseth the dede vnto no ryches, and taketh awaye the payne of the raynes, cauled of Ventolyte, and purgeth the grauel, and maketh the payne sodenly to cease, and it maketh good coloure vnto those that doeth vse it.

¶ The water of red rodes called Archangell mountayne.

This water hath many great properties to prouoke the man, and to moudifie and make clene the raynes and the bledder of the grauel, and it auaileth vnto the vlceracions of the raynes, vnto people the whiche pysse blode.

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¶ The water of hertes tonge cycore endyue, all togyther by egall porcions with the roote of peccylle.

This water is moche marueylous vnto the opelacion of the lyuer, and of the myle, and heleth the iaunders whan a man wyll dryncke of it, hym behoueth to put therto of fyne suger and it may be droncke with wyne at his repasses, and it is proued.

¶ The water of Fenell.

The water of Fenell is gyuen vnto the obscurite and darknes of the eyes vnto the dropsye, and vnto the lytargè, and it auayleth against venom, & purgeth the raynes and the bledder of grauell, it prouoketh the man and maketh the flour come vnto the woman, it subtilieth the fat humors, & prouoketh the dede vnto women, and vnto man the sperme, and also it taketh awaye the wyll to vomete, and helpeth the stomacke.

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¶ The water of Cuffrurie montayne.

This water is meruayllouse good, to comforte the syght and to recouer it yf it be possyble and in especiall vn to people flumatyques, & vnto aged people, the which it shall compose to gither with Veruene, Rewe, Roses, and Celydoyne. This shalbe a right meruellouse good water, to conserue to comfort, and to repaire the syght.

¶ The water of Yssop dyre.

The water of Yssop dyre maketh cleane the raynes, and the brealle, and the longes of the matter grosse Fleumatyque, and byssose is moche good vnto the coughe the which procedeth of the coldenes, and of moystnes, it clarifieth the voyce, and auayleth moche vnto those the which falleth of the fallyng euyl, and it is called in latyn apertylentia.

¶ The water of hazuid.

This water yeleth of the strangu-

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rye, and profyteth moche for to gen-
dre, and multyplye the people.

¶ The water of sauge.

This water is good vnto all sycke
nesses colde, of the synewes, as ben
the palsey, the tremblyng of the mē
bres swolunynge, epilensye and such
lyke sycknesses, & it is good vnto the
Revolucion of the gommes, and of
the paine of the teth, and whan they
chessen, and it is good vnto the syck
nes of the stomacke colde, and vnto
the mother of ꝑ wombe, as is suffo
cacion of the mother, and also this
water maye be vsed within forth in
drinking, & without forth i washyng
s by other maners the which ben af
ter the discrecion of hym, or of her,
the whiche doth vse it.

¶ The water of the rootes and
leues of Bresyll and of fyre.

This water lowseth the wombe
and openeth the oppilacions of the
mylte and heleth the dropsye, pyolar

que and taketh away the swellynge of the feete.

¶ The water stronge is in laten inchium.

This water stronge is of ryghte greate and meruaylous vertue, excellentlye aboue all the other. For it kylleth the wormes & dyssolueth the worke, cõsumeth the rotten humors within the body, in the places and cõduites secretes, and bicause of some vertue wrytten, it comforteth where ben the rotonesses, and it is openyng and comfortynge the stomacke, and it clenseth the vlcures, and openeth the opplacions of the mylte and of the lyuer, and it auayleth to recouer the speche, and agaynst the venom, it comforteth the syghte, warmeth the stomacke, and refresheth the lyuer it prouoketh the vryne, and the floures vnto women, and resysteth vnto the venym of oputhe bayci, and of iusquiamum, and of all other of this na-

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ture, and it is good vnto people deth woūded whā the surgiens wassheth theyr woundes they kepe it for enfestrynge and engendring of yll flesshe it auayleth agaynst the epydymye, & agaynst eyres pestilencial it taketh a waye the wyll to vomet, and auayleth vnto swellynges, and paynes of the membres, and vnto the palsye, & taketh away the fleellynge from the tonge, and delyuereth in makynge gargarisme.

¶ The water of Quyns Appels and of red Roses.

This water dronke with good red wyne comforteth the stomacke affirmeth the wombe.

¶ The water of Malous.

This water is colde and moyste, & maketh soft the wombe and is alteratyue of these opostumes hote, and it maketh softe the durter, it prouoketh the fluxe vnto women.

¶ The water of Scabiouse.

This water is cõsumptyue and dis
solutyue, & is good vnto the scab, or
brekynge out, or lepre, and serpigine
impectigne, and vnto the dredefull &
vnto the amoureus.

¶ The water of Saxifrage.

This water breketh the stone in the
rayns and in the bledder, and prouo
keth the vryne, and is good vnto pen=
syfenes and thought.

¶ The water of myntes.

This water is moche consumpty=
ue dyssolutyue, and comfortatyue, &
auayleth moche against the opylaci=
ons of the lyuer, and of the mylt, and
of the conduytes of the bryne, and vn
to the stynkynge of the mouthe, and
of the gommes and pryeketh the ap=
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vnto the faylyng of the herte, it mon
dyfyeth the mother of the wombe, &
it dissolueth the mylke quayled in the
brestes, it auayleth agaynst the venõ
and sleyth the wormes, and is good

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agaynst the cough, the mutes colde and teume colde, it prouoketh the vryne, and prohybyteth the colde of lyentes dronke one houre before with good tryacle.

¶ The water of Radesche.

This water is subtylatyue, appertyue, abstersyue mondyfycatyue, and prouocatyue of the vryne, and auayleth agaynst the storgyne, ympectygiue, and taketh away the humoure from the membres, modyfyed of the brest, and maketh clere the voyce and subtyleth ỹ grosse humours the whiche ben in the breste, and in the longes, it is good vnto the bityng of the Scorpion, and sleeth the Scorpions and auayleth vnto feuer quartayne and vnto the Dropsye, and vnto the Jaundes, it breketh the stone, and auayleth agaynste the bytynge venemous, resolueth the humoures, the whiche ben in the corner of the eye, and taketh away the pympyles fro

the bylage, it reſolueth leſquantytie and the ſpuellynge of the mylt, it prouoketh the floures vnto women, and is good vnto them the whiche hathe eaten fruytes benymous.

The water of purſlane.

This water is byſcocle and contractyue of the flux of the belly, it taketh away the ſtynkynge of the teeth and auayleth vnto the ſtynkynge blode, & apoſtumes hoote, and vnto the burnynge of the ſtomacke, and vpon the calefaction of the lyuer, and of the alteracion of the gutres, and vnto the flux of the mother, it weketh ye ſyght and lettynges aboue the heade, and prohibyteth the frenaſye.

The water of howſleke.

This water is moche colde and repercuſſyue of apoſtumes hote of abulatyues, it aſwageth the payne of the podagre hote, & auayleth moche vnto the brennynge of fyre with oyle

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rosat, and vnto the payne of the heed and sleyeth the nyttes, and is moche good vnto the flux of the wombe and vnto the vlceracions of the guttes, & prohybyteth the frenasye.

¶ The water of Bursa pastoris.

This water is styptique, and repercutyue, and auayleth moche vnto apostumes hote at the begynnynge, it consolydeth, and incarneth the wōdes freshe and bledynge, and it auayleth moche vnto the payne of the eares, and dryeth the fylth of the eares, and auayleth moche vnto the vlceracions of the guttes, and vnto the flux of the neze, & to the flux of bloode of what place soeuer it springeth out it prohybyteth the frenasye.

¶ The water of the flourdelyce and of the leaues.

This water is moch afterslne, and moche mondificatyue, and auayleth moche vnto serpygne, and ympertygue

gyne melled with honye, and it maketh the bysage fayre and clere, and handes in washyng them, it maketh also the bysage moche roddy, and taketh awaye the spottes from the bysage, it prouoketh ẏ fleures vnto the women, and taketh awaye the hardnes of the mother from the bellye, it incarneth the woũdes that ben rotte and auayleth vnto the brennynge of the fyre, and bytynge benymous.

¶ The water of Lylyes.

This water ereuoketh the sleepe and consumeth the shakynges, and dybylytie of the membres, and wasteth, and taketh away the polucions noctournes, and is good for the coughe, and weepynge eyes, it maketh softe the wombe and auayleth vnto the Fluxe of the wombe ancyan, and vnto the vlceracions of the guttes, it resolueth the Apostumes of the mylte and auayleth moche vnto nosure whyghte.

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This is all one.

This water is dyssolutyue, and subtylatyue, and auayleth moche vnto ȳ scalle and scab of the heade, and kepeth the heeres from fallynge, it maketh clene the breste, and the lyghtes, from great humours, and breketh the stone, and is good for the Jaundyse, and it dyssolueth the estrophules and maketh cleane the stomacke, and guttes of the superfluytes, & coleryckes.

The water for the Goute.

Take the flesshe of a Fore, and cut it ryght small, & dystylle it in a stylletory, and rubbe ye the sycke body therwith, for it is a souerayne remedy.

The water of the grayne of Genyper.

This water is moche subtylatyue apertiue, and mondyfycatiue, and auayleth moche to make cleane the blcers sordibus, it prouoketh the bryne, and the fleures vnto women, & maketh the enfante dede within the

wombe of the mother, to auoyde out and chaseth awaye the venome, and the beaste venemous, bayneth them in the decockcion of ꝑ seede of brome it auayleth moche vnto the payne of the mother of the wombe and attraction of wormes.

¶ For to please, and for to make these women to seme more fayrer, & yonger vnto theyr husbandes, and for to kepe theym from goynge in to fornycacion, and aduoutre, it is suffred to vse of some waters the which maketh the vysage fayre and whyte, and of these waters, I shal put here the which ben called symples and of other composed and made.

¶ These symple waters ben of the floures of beres, waters of the seede of melos. waters of the floure of elder, water of the floure delyce, water of the rote of Yris, & of Dragontyne and of the rote of lygiton salmonis.

¶ Thus endeth these waters.

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